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[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox in Helena, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 6, 1896.

SIR: For fear you may hear very exaggerated reports in regard to the smallpox in our State, I write to say that I have just returned from Helena, the only infected locality in our State, where I found 20 well-developed cases. I had every infected house isolated with trusty guards until a suitable pesthouse could be secured. I think by to-night all the cases will be removed to the pesthouse, and all the houses thoroughly disinfected by having beds treated with bichloride of mercury, boiling, sulphur, etc. I have no apprehension of any spreading from that point. Compulsory vaccination is being rigidly enforced. The city authorities were and are doing all in their power to stamp it out. It is confined entirely to the colored people.

Yours, very sincerely,

H. C. DUNAVANT,
President Arkansas Health Commissioners.

*Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, May 9, 1896, to November 11, 1896.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Mobile County.....	June 5.....	1.....		
	July 5.....	1.....		
Arkansas:				
Conway County.....	Sept. 18.....	1.....		
Faulkner County.....do.....	9.....		
Helena.....	Oct. 14-Nov. 6.....	20.....	1.....	
Van Buren County.....	Sept. 18.....			Smallpox reported.
Florida:				
Key West.....	June 25-Aug. 3.....	42.....	8.....	
Pensacola.....	May 20-July 4.....	5.....	2.....	
	July 11-July 18.....	1.....		

* For table of smallpox in the United States, etc., December 26, 1895, to May 9, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS No. 23.